

## LETTERS FROM TWO STATES

## Tolland County

## COLUMBIA

Mrs. Walter M. Parker's Death—Suffragist Inquest County Jail—Death of the Hutchins Sisters—Farm Bureau Meeting Held.

The Ladies' Aid society will meet with Mrs. E. E. Lyman Tuesday afternoon, February 6.

Funeral of Mrs. Walter M. Parker. Word was received Friday of the death of Mrs. Walter M. Parker, 55, the day before at the home of her grandson, Walter Snow at Wappling. Mrs. Parker was the widow of Walter M. Parker of this place and for many years resided here. Funeral services were held in Wappling, Saturday, at 11 o'clock. She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Wade A. Snow, and two grandsons, and two granddaughters.

Inspected County Jail. At a recent meeting of the Columbia Equal Franchise League, a resolution was passed, urging the present legislature to pass a bill establishing a reformatory for women with appropriation sufficient to begin work at once.

Acting upon the suggestion of the C. W. S. A. that suffragists visit the jails in their respective counties and report existing conditions, the committee for Tolland county of which Mrs. Fannie Dixon Welch of this place is a member, visited the Tolland county jail recently and reported very favorably regarding sanitary conditions, cooking and general cleanliness, as well as the friendly feeling existing between the jailer and his wife and the inmates. In closing however, the committee remarked that no jail is perfect and competition and limited quarters are to be found in all.

James A. Utley in digging graves in the Columbia cemetery last week, encountered 13 inches of frost. This shows what a cold winter it is and weather will accomplish when there is but little snow on the ground.

Finest For Theft. Willis Richards and Fred Tatro were brought before Justice of the Peace Herbert P. Collins Saturday morning charged with entering the premises of Anton Emil Nobis, near Columbia Lake, and taking therefrom a chicken and a pig of value.

The defendants were caught with the goods they pleaded guilty and were fined one dollar and costs each, which amounted to \$10.00.

## FUNERAL

Miss Hutchins. Miss Hutchins, 69, died Saturday at her home in this place, last Sunday forenoon, after a short illness with pneumonia. She had been in feeble health for several days.

Survived by a brother, Joseph Hutchins, and two sisters, Eliza A. and Esther Hutchins, also a niece and two nephews, all of this place. Funeral services were held in the Congregational church of which the deceased was a member, Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. T. N. Owen officiating. Two solos were sung by Mrs. E. E. Lyman, "Asleep in Jesus" and "Lead Kindly Light." Burial was in the family lot in Columbia cemetery.

Personal Items. Cecil L. Gates and family, who have been spending the late summer and fall at their home near the Lake, have gone to New York.

Randall Porter of Wesleyan University spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Porter.

The W. S. S. E. Ladies' Club met with Mrs. Robert Cobb last Thursday afternoon.

Death Follows That of Sister. On the day of the funeral of Miss Hattie Hutchins, her sister, Miss Esther Hutchins, 78, died at one o'clock. She had been in feeble health for several years, and for some time since November, had been confined to her bed. Funeral services were held at her home Friday at 2 o'clock. Rev. T. N. Owen, officiating. Burial was in the family lot in Columbia cemetery.

Notes. The board of relief held their first meeting Thursday at the selectmen's room.

The Ladies' Afternoon club is rehearsing for an Old Folks' concert to be given under the direction of Mrs. E. E. Lyman.

Grange Program. The program arranged for the meeting of the grange, Wednesday evening, Feb. 7, at 8 o'clock, was: Report on State Grange, Past Master Clayton E. Hunt; piano solo, Mrs. Rachel Buel; essay, How Shall We Impress Grange Principles on Our Members? vocal solo, Mrs. Martha L. Doubleday; essay, Does the Average Farmer's Wife Receive Her Share of the Profits of the Farm? chorus singing, Rehearsal of Grange Songs, used in degree work.

Mrs. Ethel Blakeley was a Hartford visitor Wednesday.

Farm Bureau Meeting. A farm bureau meeting was held at Yeoman's hall, Wednesday evening. About twenty farmers were present. Address was made by County Agent Clifford and Prof. Davis of the C. A. C. A. general plan of work was outlined by the speakers and a cow judging contest was suggested. A boys' and girls' agricultural club was also organized. All that seemed in the way of these projects was a lack of some one to lead.

Mrs. Jessie R. Carpenter is ill at her home with bronchial pneumonia.

The Equal Franchise League gave a whist party at Yeoman's hall Friday evening. Refreshments were served.

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## MASHAPPAUG

Town Losses Prominent Man in Death of Lyman Moore—Supper and Social at Town Hall.

The funeral of Lyman Moore of Mashapaug, who died Tuesday, was held Friday, Jan. 28th. Rev. C. H. Puffer of Stafford officiated. Mr. Moore had been in failing health for some time, but his death was caused by pneumonia. He was born in Union, Nov. 24, 1834, the son of Thomas and Lucy Lyon Moore. He attended school until he was nineteen, then he assisted his father in farming and lumbering. After 1866 he took charge of the business of his father, who was obliged to retire on account of ill health. Mr. Moore's lumber business has been very extensive, and at the same time he has carried on his large farm. He was a large land owner in Union and other places. He was a man of honesty and exacting just. He ably served his town as selectman, assessor, constable, a collector, justice of peace and on the board of relief, and in 1886 represented the town in the legislature and served as chairman on the committee of agriculture.

July 1, 1872, he married Miss Emma Blodgett, daughter of Edward and Della Rimes Blodgett, of Holland, Mass. Besides his wife he leaves a

## ELLINGTON

Address on Temperance—Somers Endeavors Give Minstrel Show—Card Parties.

Mr. Bochanan of Hartford spoke in the Congregational church Sunday evening on Temperance. Mr. Bochanan is leading man of the Central Labor Union, and a Bible class teacher in the Y. M. C. A. and State prison.

Good singing and dancing with been the guest of Mrs. C. R. Thall this week.

Alvah Eaton of Worcester, Mass., was the speaker at the meeting of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Furnace.

George Bancroft of Newport, R. I., is spending ten days with his family here.

Mrs. Harry L. Hayden is visiting her mother, Mrs. Reynolds, in Essex this week.

Mrs. Robert Barnard of West Hartford spent Thursday with Mrs. O. P. Talcott.

Return to Storrs. Herbert Pease, Elbert Siske and Grace Siske have returned to Storrs Agricultural college after spending a few days at their homes here.

Good Minstrel Show. The town hall was well filled Tuesday evening when the Y. P. S. C. E. of Somers gave a minstrel show which proved a most enjoyable entertainment.

Mrs. E. Z. Douglas of Boston is in town to assist in the case of her mother, Mrs. H. P. Porter, who has been seriously ill, but is now slowly gaining in health.

Mrs. G. A. Little was a recent guest of her daughter, Mrs. James Martin, in East Hartford.

Mrs. E. A. Raymond, Mrs. R. F. Porter and son, Roger, were in Willimantic Saturday.

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## COVENTRY

Grange Works Two Degrees—Ladies' Society Remembers the Afflicted.

Miss Annette Case, who has been ill with pneumonia for some time, was taken in the Willimantic ambulance to the home of Henry F. Parker, a distant relative, where she is being cared for.

Alexander H. Pomeroy, who was taken to the Hartford hospital a week ago, suffering with grip, is reported a little better.

The cottage prayer meeting was held Wednesday evening at the home of O. C. Hall.

At the regular meeting of the Grange Thursday evening, the first and second degrees were worked on two candidates.

Arthur J. Vinton is very ill with pneumonia, but his physicians think the critical point has been reached and hope for improvement.

Benevolent Deeds. The Ladies' society met Wednesday afternoon in the chapel, one worthy object was sending assistance to the sick.

Four Children Ill. Mrs. John Christensen's family has been sorely afflicted with illness; four of her children have the grip in a severe form.

Mrs. Edith Haven, who has been staying in New Britain, and in the hospital since the time since November, has returned home.

Eunice, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Wright, is very ill with pneumonia.

Miss Lillian Kellum is visiting Mrs. Arthur Wood, in New Haven.

## STAFFORDVILLE

Death at Enfield, Mass., of Mrs. Mary E. Little, a Former Resident.

Mrs. Mary E. Little died Jan. 25 from rheumatism and heart trouble, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Chas. Smith in Enfield, Mass. She had lived in Staffordville since she was sixteen until a year ago last November, when she moved to Enfield, Mass. with her daughter.

Mrs. Little had been a great sufferer from rheumatism for seven years, and she had been in the hospital in North Coventry, March 9, 1890, the oldest daughter of George and Lucy Gerard, she is survived by three sisters, Mrs. Carrie Thompson and Mrs. Emma Harvey of Willimantic and Mrs. Kate Williams of Merrow, Conn., and her only child, Mrs. Charles Smith and one grandson, Ernest Smith of Enfield, Mass. The body was brought to Staffordville Jan. 27 and the funeral was held in the Congregational church of which she was a member. Burial was in the local cemetery.

Personals. Mrs. Frank Belcher was the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Taylor of South Coventry over Sunday.

Mrs. R. M. D. Adams of North Brookfield, Mass., was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Phil West over Sunday.

## BOLTON

Miss Catherine M. Doane III With Pleurisy at Passaic.

School Supervisor A. N. Potter of Willimantic was in town visiting Sunday.

Miss Catherine M. Doane of this town who is visiting her sisters in Passaic, N. J., has been very ill with pleurisy. Two other sisters, Mrs. James A. Connors of Bolton and Miss Rose Doane a graduate nurse of Hartford were called to Passaic the first of the week. Word was later received of Miss Doane's improved health.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Reig's little girl has been brought home from the hospital in Hartford where she was taken a few weeks ago.

Miss Ida E. Holbrook of Columbia was at C. F. Sumner's recently.

Mrs. W. F. Pinney has returned to her home in Bolton after two months' illness at the home of her son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Pinney.

Mrs. Charles M. Pinney is on a trip to Boston this week.

Mrs. Charles N. Loomis has returned from Cromwell where she visited with her daughter, Mrs. W. E. Stebbins.

An Old Custom. In case of men's fashions, on the other hand, there would be more excuse for such a tendency, for it could be argued that the wearing of knee breeches was but resuming an old custom—Columbia (S. C.) State.

## ANDOVER

Heavy Ice Being Stored—Mrs. Frances Hendee Smith Dies in Kansas.

The harvesting of ice is still going on and R. W. Bass is cutting from Bangham pond, the ice being eight to ten inches thick. L. D. Post is having the ice house on the hotel property filled.

The board of relief held their first meeting at the town clerk's office on Thursday, from 1 to 4 o'clock.

Mrs. Homer Smith who has been nursing the case of Samuel French Hendee Smith, a former resident of this place.

Miss Myrtle Mathewson is assisting nurse in the case of Samuel French Hendee Smith, whose condition is slightly improved.

Candidate Preaches. Charles Goodrich of Wellesley, Mass., preached at the Congregational church as a candidate Sunday.

Operator Resigns. Raymond S. Halsted has resigned as operator at the local station to accept a position for the American Telegraph and Telephone Co., as wire teacher with headquarters in Hartford.

Miss Arline Burd has returned from Enfield after spending a few days with her mother.

Mrs. J. T. Murphy and Mrs. Raymond Halsted were in Hartford on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Smith, who have been ill are able to be out.

## HEBRON

Annual Meeting of L. A. S. of Congregational Church—Rev. J. H. Fitzgerald Ill.

The annual meeting of the L. A. S. of the Congregational church was held at the home of Mrs. E. A. Raymond, postponed from last week.

Episcopal Rector Ill. Rev. J. H. Fitzgerald has been ill with acute indigestion.

Mrs. E. Z. Douglas of Boston is in town to assist in the case of her mother, Mrs. H. P. Porter, who has been seriously ill, but is now slowly gaining in health.

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## RIPLEY HILL

Hill Top Home Club Meets With Mrs. B. A. Green—Soup Demonstration a Feature.

The Hill Top Home Club met with Mrs. B. A. Green, Friday, Jan. 25. A soup demonstration was given by Mrs. Green and was greatly enjoyed by all the members.

Mrs. George Clark, who has been quite feeble for the past few weeks, is able to be out.

Mrs. Julia M. White has a new milking machine in operation.

Ice Crop Harvested. Fred White, Fred Snyder and F. B. Toppitt have their ice house filled with good thick ice.

Mrs. George Freeman, who has been ill with nervous trouble is improving.

Mrs. May Horrell of Haverhill and Mrs. Charles Reed spent Sunday with Mrs. George Freeman.

Washington County, R. I.

## HOPKINTON

Local Clergyman at Funeral of C. Dwight Thompson—Grieve-Blake Wedding.

Rev. E. P. Mathewson officiated Tuesday afternoon at the funeral of C. Dwight Thompson, who died Sunday at the home of his son, George W. Wheeler, in the town of Stonington, aged 82 years. Mr. Thompson was the last survivor of a family of ten children. He was born in Hopkinton and owned till about two years ago near Pendleton Hill.

Grieve-Blake. At the home of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel E. Blake on High street, Ashaway, Sunday afternoon, their younger daughter, Jennie Louise Blake, was united in marriage with Thomas Alphonse Grieve of Foxboro, Mass. by Rev. E. P. Mathewson, a friend of the family. A ring service was used. Only new relatives of the bride were present. After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Grieve left for New York and Washington, D. C. The groom is a skillful designer for the Foxworth Woolen Co. and the bride is a graduate of the Hopkinton High school and a music teacher.

Mrs. Harry G. Kenyon is recovering after an operation for appendicitis at a Providence hospital.

## RICHMOND

John W. Smith is working in Providence. He has been there one week learning his trade.

P. De Copet and Howard Hitchcock of Hillsdale went picker fishing on Tuesday, catching several, weighing between 3 and 4 pounds.

Everett Moore made a business trip of Crompton and Norwood Monday.

Edwin Smith was in Providence on Friday.

Samuel Reynolds is in poor health. Howard Garber of Acadia was through this vicinity Friday.

Nannie Moore was a caller on Mrs. Samuel Reynolds and Mrs. Silas Woodmansee of Teft Hill, Monday.

## ROCKVILLE

Jared G. Barber who has been ill is better.

The Baraca and Philathes classes met at the parsonage Saturday evening.

Miss Mae Charney is in the Rhode Island hospital, Providence, where she underwent a surgical operation last week.

Wildwood circle met with Mrs. Emory C. Kenyon, Thursday, January 25.

P. Palmer Greene who has been sick for several weeks is thought to be slightly improved.

Harold R. Crandall who was ill last week is able to be out.

## USQUEPAUGH

T. T. Locke has gone to Lafayette to spend a few weeks with his daughter, Mrs. B. Bray.

Mrs. C. G. Kenyon and son are spending a few days with Mrs. Kenyon's mother, at Peacedale.

Mrs. George Briggs visited relatives at West Kingston Monday.

Charles Peckham is very ill with no

## NEW LONDON-CROTON BRIDGE

Much Interest in This Project as Well as the Grain Elevator for Which \$500,000 is Asked From State—Legislative Matters Involving This Locality.

(Special To The Bulletin.)

New London, Feb. 2.—Among the two largest projects from a financial standpoint introduced at the present session of the Connecticut legislature are matters of general concern to the state, but which happen to be incidentally of special interest to New London, the conversion of the railroad bridge over the Thames into a public highway, which would be of almost incalculable benefit to automobilists and all others who would have use for that great public convenience. The railroad company has already given the bridge to the state, and now it is up to the legislature to make that highway available.

This can be done along the same lines that the Connecticut river bridge, which would in the end be no expense to the state. The other project is for the improvement of the state property in New London, which provides for the construction of a grain elevator on the state pier. Were that pier privately owned, there is no doubt but the elevator would be constructed as a business proposition, pure and simple, as it would be sure to bring returns.

Senator James R. May has presented in the state senate a resolution to appropriate \$500,000 for the grain elevator. It is presumed at the instance of the state commission having charge of the pier, that the state will be just as ready to construct the elevator as it is to construct the grain company stands ready to lease one-half of the pier and change the steamship terminal from New York to New London. If this elevator is constructed, after the war is over the representatives of this big steamship company say that there is never any difficulty in getting a full return cargo. Therefore it is necessary for the steamship company to get return cargoes to serve as ballast, to a certain extent, and yet make the return trip profitable. This is usually done by return cargoes of pig iron grain, preferably the latter. In the case of the state pier at New London the return cargoes would naturally be grain from the west.

With the tracks of the Central Vermont or Grand Trunk railway running on to the pier, carloads of grain could be shipped directly to the pier and the ships loaded with dispatch that could not be equalled even in New York harbor. It is the state's duty to increase the value of its property, and that's a reason why the senator from New London introduced this resolution.

It is believed that the elevator would be the means of getting the first cost of the pier back into the state treasury sooner than in any other way. If the pier is to be a permanent terminal for one of the largest steamship companies that purpose could be construed for per capita \$250,000 or \$300,000. Should the state decline to make the appropriation, it is possible that a section of the pier might be leased to a private company, the elevator constructed by the railroad company, the steamship company by a private company, and the whole thing may become necessary for them to retire.

Aside from these two real big propositions, the legislative delegation from New London has presented a big batch of bills more or less important, but it is a safe bet that very few of them originated with the gentlemen who presented them, and it is another bet that many instances the real merit of the bills, if any they contain, are not yet known to the introducers. It is the duty of the legislature to present all bills handed him by his constituents, and this he does, and without regard to the subject matter. However, the legislator who introduced a bill is supposed to appear at the committee hearing when that bill is up for consideration, and it is also his duty to post the originator of the bill as to the time of the hearing. It is then, and not till then, that the men behind the bills are introduced. What is true of every other town in the Nutmeg State. Bills introduced by the gentlemen from New London include one that gives to the mayor authority to appoint a clerk of the board of assessors, now an elective office, with a salary of \$1500 a year. Another gives the mayor the power to appoint a board of assessors with minority representation, and another gives the mayor the power to appoint a non-partisan board of school visitors. But these are but a few of the many bills from New London and indicate that New London will be just as active in the legislative floodlight as ever.

Then, besides the big propositions of state-wide interest, in which New London will out a figure, and those here mentioned, is the act that authorizes the board of water and sewer commissioners to pension off employees who have been in the service for 30 years, and who, in the judgment of the commissioners, are incapacitated from further useful service. There are at least two of the employees who would be eligible to retirement and pension, men who have been in the employ ever since the construction of the water system, and who in fact, helped to construct the system. They are Walter H. Richards, the superintendent, who has made a record of his active and efficient service is not to cover his case, as he considers himself just as capable as ever, and has no intention of retiring on half pay.

The other employee is Austin Ruddy, the foreman of the water works. He came to New London with the contractor and helped to construct the system. He was left in New London after the completion of the contract as the representative of the contractor in charge of the system. At the end of the year when the obligations of the contractor ended, Mr. Ruddy was engaged in the water and sewer department as foreman of the system, and has since, and for a period of about 44 years, Mr. Ruddy is so active and has no intention of going on the retired list. Therefore, it would seem that there is no need for the passage of a pension act, as a pension could be provided for these men when the time arrives when it may become necessary for them to retire.

Vegetables Lost in Fire. A G. F. member, who lost his house by last week, goes from the city every day to his place on the Plain to look after things. He has been able to sell the five cows. Among other losses were 60 bushels of potatoes and other vegetables which were in the cellar of the house.

Government Seeds Distributed. Vegetable seeds from the department of agriculture, sent by F. B. Brandegee, United States senator, are being received here. They include lettuce, cucumbers, parsley, radish and turnip.

Guest from Porto Rico. Elton Warner, a prominent bookkeeper of Porto Rico, was the week end guest of Prof. Allen Latham.

Sundogs on Ground Hog Day. Two sundogs, one on each side of the sun, were seen Friday morning at 7.30 o'clock.

Mrs. C. M. Welte of East Town was in New London Friday to visit her sister, Mrs. Kennedy.

Mrs. Edward Bottomley of Danielson was the guest of the week end of her son, W. A. Bottomley, of East Town street.

Rev. G. H. Ewing and choir of the First Congregational church will be at the Sheltering Arms for the Sunday afternoon service.

A stereopticon lecture on The Winning of the West Up to Date is to be given by the First Congregational chapel Sunday evening.

On a bird walk this week along the Yantic river, besides juncos, chickadees and woodpeckers, were seen the female purple finch and tree sparrows.

Miss Margaret Sabro of the Reservoir is in town.

How to Help Thousands. Most everyone is anxious to help in some way to relieve pain and distress—that is why so many homes now have on hand, ready for instant use, a bottle of Minard's Liniment. It is sold by druggists everywhere as the one dependable liniment for the relief of all kinds of pain. For backache, lumbago, rheumatism, soreness, stiffness and for sore hands and feet, Minard's Liniment quickly and surely gives instant relief. It is absolutely pure, entirely stainless and cannot burn nor blister. It soothes the fevered wounds and bruises and heals healthfully. Be sure your bottle is not empty. You may need it any moment. Nothing can take its place.

Funeral of Cyrus Sexton Held Thursday Afternoon—Grange Works Degrees.

R. S. Bailey is at home from the hospital and attending to business.

Cyrus Sexton, 47, died at his home at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning.

The funeral services were held at the home Thursday at 1 p. m., Rev. W. Harrison Raymond officiating. Burial was in Haddam Neck cemetery.

Mr. Raymond, who has been ill with grip, has recovered sufficiently to resume his duties as organist of the Congregational church.

Haddam Neck grange worked the first and second degrees Friday night. Three candidates were present.

At the Congregational church Sunday, Feb. 4, at 10 a. m., preaching by the pastor, the Rev. The Solid Things; 12:15 church school; 7:30, the pastor will conduct the evening service. Theme, Vision and Task. Rev. W. Harrison Raymond, pastor.

Efforts are being made to bring the electric light service from Leesville to this place.

Funeral of Mrs. Catherine Attwood, 92—Sensible Social—Grange to Observe 30th Anniversary.

The funeral of Mrs. Catherine Attwood, 92, wife of the late Judge Julius Attwood, died Tuesday, Rev. G. H. Ewing, officiating. Mrs. Attwood is survived by a daughter, Mrs. F. C. H. Willard, step son, William Attwood and two sisters, Mrs. Almira Palmer and Mrs. Adeline Tracy. Burial was in River View cemetery.

Miss Harriett Bugbee is spending several days with her sister, Mrs. Marshall Gates in Hartford.

Arthur D. Munger of East River was in town Tuesday, having been called to the home of his daughter, Mrs. Alexander, who has been ill.

A sensible social under the auspices of the C. E. Society was held Wednesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter M. Gillette. The admission was one cent and refreshments were served in exchange for cents. Guessing contests were in order, bringing into the five senses. An enjoyable evening of cents, common sense and nonsense was enjoyed by a good number.

Pearl Anniversary. The 30th anniversary of the E. H. grange will be observed Wednesday evening, February 7th, and plans are being made for an interesting meeting. Morean J. Stark met with the board of relief at the office of Town Clerk M. H. Watrous, Thursday.

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